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For: A Microcontroller Having an N-Bit Data
Bus Width with Less than N I/O Pins
and Method Therefor



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered before prosecution on the merits.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and add the following new claims:

-- 11. A method of operating a microcontroller in an integrated circuit package (IC),

said method comprising the steps of:

providing an IC chip with a microcontroller having a data bus;

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